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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION
Office of Marketing Services
Washington, 25, D. C.

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A SUMMARY OF VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTION WORK

In order that information may be available regarding openings in this field, a brief review of Processed Foods inspection follows. During 1942, 1943, and 1944 the preponderance of the inspection work has been done for the Army, Navy, other Government agencies, and for Lend-Lease purposes. Inspections for commercially interested parties such as brokers, canners, wholesalers, and distributors, and for warehousing purposes are also handled.

At the request of interested canners and consumers, continuous factory inspection service was started in 1939. At present, this type of inspection service is under way in 72 plants owned by 54 companies throughout the United States. The growing interest that is being expressed in this type of inspection indicates that additional inspectors for this phase of the inspection program will be needed from time to time.

The inspection of processed fruits and vegetables is based upon U.S. Standards for Grades developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Foods for Government agencies are purchased strictly on the basis of Federal Specifications, which for practically all canned and dried fruits and vegetables are identical in context with the U.S. Standards. Federal Processed Foods Inspectors must be well versed in all phases of food inspection work. They must be able to verify or disprove the grades claimed by the canner; ascertain whether the products meet the required specifications; check the raw materials entering into the finished product; see that proper sanitation is practiced in the cannery; and must be capable of doing a variety of research work.

Entrance Salary: Recent graduates are employed as Assistant Marketing Aides at a basic salary of \$1,620 per annum, payable semi-monthly. This base salary is subject to a deduction of 5 per cent for the Federal retirement fund, which is made on all Federal salaries. Graduates or persons who have been employed in some related field, such as a commercial testing laboratory or in a cannery, are eligible for a higher base salary - \$2,000 or \$2,600 per annum - depending upon their years of experience. Current overtime payments increase these salaries to a gross of approximately \$1,971.00, \$2,433.00, and \$3,163.00 per annum, respectively.

Substitution of education for experience: Applicants may substitute, year for year, up to a maximum of 4 years, for the experience prescribed above, study successfully completed at a school of recognized collegiate grade, averaging at least one course for each year in one of the following agricultural subjects: Agricultural chemistry, food chemistry, food processing, food selection and preparation, nutrition, horticulture, pomology, olericulture, or vegetable gardening.

Age: Not over 35 years for the entrance grade of Assistant Marketing Aide (Trainee).

It is anticipated that indoctrination courses will be conducted during the coming year as the need for additional personnel arises. Graduates, advanced students, or any returning service men or women who are interested in this type

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